

San Diego DX Club Bulletin



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JULY 27, 2011 MEETING PROGRAM:

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2010 JAPAN HAM FAIR

JULY 27, 2011 MEETING NOTICE:

JOIN US AT THE SIZZLER
AERO DRIVE & MURPHY CANYON RD
WEDNESDAY JULY 27, 2011

SOCIAL HOUR, 5:00 P.M. DINNER, 5:30 P.M.
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A Word from the Prez . . .

John Barcroft, K6AM



First off, a big thanks to our outgoing officers - Gayle, K6GO who came through with a fine job as President, Tom, N6JOJ who did a full three years as board member, and Leon, N6VS who gave us three years at the secretary - treasurer desk. Also please welcome John, WA6L as your new VP, Ellen, N6UWW, graciously accepting the sec/treas slot and Bob, N6OX returning to the board of directors. John and Ellen are first timers in the administrative hot seat.

And of course, what would we do without the ongoing artistry of Bob, K9RHY who keeps the virtual presses rolling and Arnie, W7BIA who keeps the club's virtual online clubhouse in top shape. Thanks Bob and Arnie!

As a new term begins, we have hit the ground running. John is putting together a great slate of programs for the rest of the year and Gayle has the summer bash planned with military precision for August. We will attend our first Visalia planning meeting in August, and hope to bring some ideas for improvements to the table. Our membership is steadily growing with a new face or two at every meeting. The future looks a bit brighter on the bands as the SFI peaks above 100. I managed to work a few UA's over the pole on 17 meters last night at almost 11 pm. All in all, we're in pretty good shape.

I am planning on continuing our efforts at recruiting new DX'ers. You can help too. When you meet someone who is getting tired of the nets on 75 meters and is ready to have some real fun, introduce them to DX'ing. One of the best ways to get 'em hooked is to try one of the big contests like CQWW or ARRL DX. Once they see how easy it is to get 50 - 100 countries in the log in one weekend, they'll never look back.

I look forward to another year of continuing the fine, time-honored traditions that have kept you coming for over 60 years.

73,

John

The San Diego DX Club (SDDXC) is among the best known and most highly respected DX clubs in the United States. Since it's founding in 1946, SDDXC members have been on both sides of the pile-ups with DXpeditions and a fair share have achieved "Top of the Honor Roll" status. If you're interested in chasing DX, contesting, exchanging stories or just rubbing elbows with fellow "Big Guns" or "Little Pistols", you'll feel right at home at one of our club meetings. Join us at our next meeting. Visitors are particularly welcome!

Treasurers Report

Leon Helms, N6VS



Treasurers Report

Bank Balance as of June 1, 2011	\$4,882.52
Income:	
Shirt purchases	250.09
Expenses:	
Shirt purchases	183.20
May speaker's dinners	17.67
DXpedition contribution	200.00
Ending balance June 30, 2011	4,371.74
Petty cash	20.00
Total club funds	\$4,751.74
Legal fund:	20.25
Shirt and hat sales:	434.52

(Both of these balances are included in the bank balance, but a separate accounting is maintained.)

San Diego DX Club Meeting Minutes

The San Diego DX Club held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at the Sizzler Restaurant, Aero drive at Murphy Canyon Road.

Our president Gayle, K6GO called the meeting to order at 6:30. Thirty members and guests were present. John NA6I, Howard W6DXZ and Joan N6KIM were recognized as visitors and welcomed.

We proceeded to the program which was Jim, K6ZH's adventures as a member of the T31 DXpedition. He is ready to go back, but not by boat.

After a short break, the meeting resumed, focused primarily on the upcoming BASH.

The DX Roundtable was not as lively as usual with many members offering only "no report", so it must be summertime. However others reported their success (or lack thereof) in working the rare ones, in addition to observations on propagation and station activities, and new QSLs received.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted,

Leon, N6VS secretary/treasurer

The SDDXC Top 10

John, K6AM



TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 6 METERS

7/11	7/10	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	1.	N6CW	27	100	100	102	-
2.	2.	K6TQ	18	59	59	59	-
3.	3.	N6ND	17	13	13	38	-
4.	4.	N7CW	18	25	25	37	-
5.	5.	K6ZH	14	21	21	24	-
6.	7.	KB5MY		?	?	15	-
7.	8.	JA1FRQ	7	6	6	14	-
8.	9.	WA6MHZ	?	10	10	-	-

TOTAL COUNTRIES WORKED ON 160 METERS

7/11	7/10	CALL	ZNS	C-D	CFM	WKD	CHG
1.	2.	N6ND	35	146	147	206	+13
2.	-	W5BN		?	192	200	NEW
3.	1.	K6TQ	35	195	195	195	+20
4.	3.	W6YI	35	171	178	178	+8
5.	4.	K6XT	34	164	164	164	-
6.	5.	W6YA	33	?	?	162	+10
7.	6.	K6AM		127	128	133	+2
8.	7.	N7CW	29	55	55	124	-
9.	10.	K0XB	23	71	72	74	+13
10.	-	N6KI	30	3	3	49	NEW

The standings on 6 have been frozen solid for a while. Lately, 6 has been open almost every day to somewhere, although unfortunately mostly for the domestic grid square set. The East coast is working Europe, but we are only working the East coast and the occasional Caribbean. Meanwhile, there were several nice jumps on 160. Rick, N6ND catapults back into first place. while newcomer W5BN drops in at number two. There is talk that with so few sunspots, cycle 24 may be very good for top band.

Both these bands are now being reported together since they both represent the ultimate challenge for the DX'er. Each takes the patience of a saint to wait out the ever-so-rare opening that may only last 5 minutes and be missed if someone in the right spot is not transmitting at just the right time. Our hats off to the top 10 winners in these categories.

Each month, we will publish top ten lists for one of the lesser recognized but hard won categories. Coming up next, RTTY, phone, and CW. Please send me your totals for each band throughout the year and you will be listed in coming months. Use the convenient form at <http://www.sddxc.org> or bring 'em to the meeting.

73, John, K6AM

A Recycled “New One”

By Bob Farkaly, K9RHY



The Republic of South Sudan, on the air as STØR at the time this is being written, is the newest addition to the DXCC list of entities. It's not "new" as in "first time new" like Scarborough Reef was (BS – what an appropriate prefix! But that is for another edition of the Bulletin.) but a "new one" nevertheless. One that we all need to maintain our positions in the **QST** magazine annual DXCC standings and in K6AM's "Top 10" list.

I first wrote speculatively about the “new” ST0 in the March 2011 edition of the SDDXC Bulletin. But now that ST0 is officially a “new one”, I decided to revisit the subject from a different perspective.

The emergence of a “New One” is a relatively rare event and it typically interests me enough so that I do some research on the history of ham radio in the new entity. At first, Sudan did not strike me as a very interesting place. Like many of us, my recollections of Sudan were based almost totally on a terrible conflict that centered on the Darfur region beginning in February 2003. A truly tragic conflict.



Today, the dividing line between Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan in the largest country in Africa, is visible from space as this NASA satellite image shows. Sudan is mostly desert, punctuated only by the fertile Nile corridor. Green grassland, swamps and tropical forests, on the other hand, cover the Republic of South Sudan.

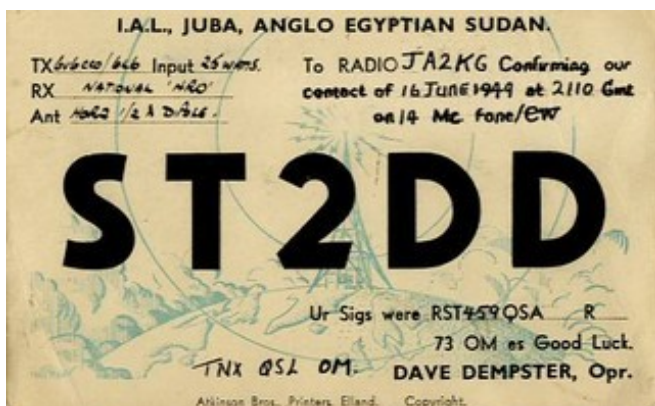
So here goes my story of the history of ham radio in Sudan: What is now the Republic of South Sudan was originally part of the British and Egyptian condominium of Anglo-Egyptian Sudan (a **condominium** is a political territory over which two or more sovereign powers formally agree to share control equally and exercise their rights jointly, without dividing the territory up into “national” zones).

While the Anglo-Egyptian condominium was in place, Sudan was administered as a British possession and amateur radio was restricted to British operators, typically members of the Royal Signal Corps in the



The ST6KB QSL card (above) from 1939 is representative of early, pre-WWII operations.

Post-war operations didn't distinguish Sudan from South Sudan. The ST2DD QSL from Dave Dempster showed his location as Juba, which is now the capital of the Republic of South Sudan.





On December 19, 1955, the Sudanese parliament adopted a declaration of independence and on January 1, 1956, Sudan became an independent republic. South Sudan became part of the Republic of the Sudan when independence was achieved.

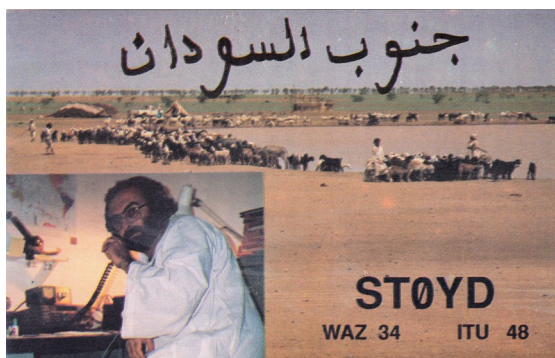
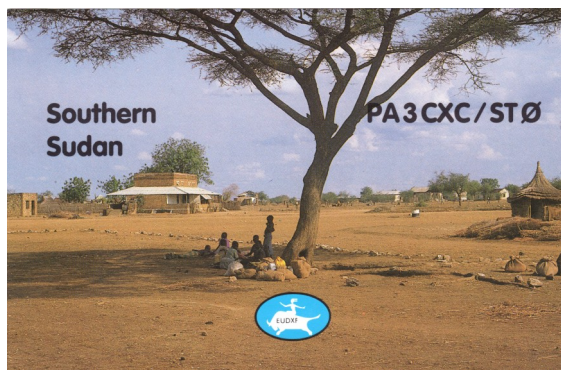
Starting in 1956, Sudan was activated by a short list of Sudanese operators, most prominently by Dr. Sid Ahmed Ibrahim, ST2SA. Most of the activity was by guest operators, including those working for humanitarian projects and United Nations programs. The DXCC Countries List published in the January 1956 edition of QST lists ST as "Anglo-Egyptian Sudan". My 1962 edition of the "Foreign Radio Amateur Callbook" lists ST2 as Sudan, but there are no call signs listed.

In 1972, the Southern Sudan Autonomous Region was formed and in May, Southern Sudan (ST0) became a DXCC entity. A Second Sudanese Civil War originated in Southern Sudan in 1983. The war ended with the signing of a peace agreement in January 2005 that created the Autonomous Government of Southern Sudan.

On March 12, 1998, the ARRL Membership Services Committee announced that both the ARRL DXAC and Awards Committee voted to delete Southern Sudan, ST0 from the DXCC list. Southern Sudan was therefore deleted from the DXCC list effective April 01, 1998 and only contacts made between May 7, 1972 and December 31, 1994 would count for this entity. Here is the text of the ARRL statement:

"While the status in Southern Sudan changed in 1983, QSOs made before January 1, 1995 will count for the deleted entity. There are two reasons for that. First, there have been accredited operations since 1983, and that raises a fairness issue. Second, the DXCC Desk has processed cards from those operations-many of them onto paper records. Because each ST0 credit would have to be individually checked, it would be very costly to the League in terms of time and money to search and remove post 1983 ST0 QSOs from the records. In fact, it might not be possible to do the job completely and accurately."

There were numerous operations from the earlier South Sudan. A sampling of cards from my own collection are pictured below. They all now go into the "Deleted Country" file. See you in the pileups!



73, Bob Farkaly, K9RHY,
Editor SDDXC Bulletin

Vote for the Clipperton DX Club "DXpedition of the Year"
(ST0R is a contender)

<http://www.cdxc.org/en/dx-infos/486-expedition-de-lannee-2011>

Late July and August 2011 Contests				
Contest	Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time
RSGB IOTA Contest	30-Jul	1200Z	31-Jul	1200Z
North American QSO Party, CW	6-Aug	1800Z	7-Aug	0600Z
WAE DX Contest, CW	13-Aug	0000Z	14-Aug	2359Z

A Dog's Tale

During a recent casual drive out in the country I was on a back road and saw a sign in front of a broken down old farmhouse: "Talking Dog for Sale." I needed a break so I stopped to see what the deal was. I went on the creaky porch to the front door and knocked but nobody answered. I then walked around to the back yard and saw a tired looking bloodhound sitting there. Looking around to make sure nobody heard me, I looked at the dog and asked, "Do you talk?" "Yep, I sure do," replied the dog.

Well after I got over the shock of hearing a dog talk, I asked, "So, what's the deal? How can you talk? What is your story?" "Ah shucks, there ain't much to tell. Oh by the way, is that a Tar Heel screwdriver antenna on your car out there?" Yes it is." I replied. "How did you know that?"

The dog looks me straight in the eye and says, "Well, I'm a ham radio operator. I was the mascot at KPH, a coastal CW Station when I was a young pup and in no time at all I learned the code just lying around listening hour after hour while my master was on watch. He would doze off and take a nap during the mid watch, so I worked ships and took their traffic so he could rest. When the station closed and he retired we moved here. He set up his ham station and I been using a bootleg a call for years. Heck, I had 5 band DXCC on CW in no time."

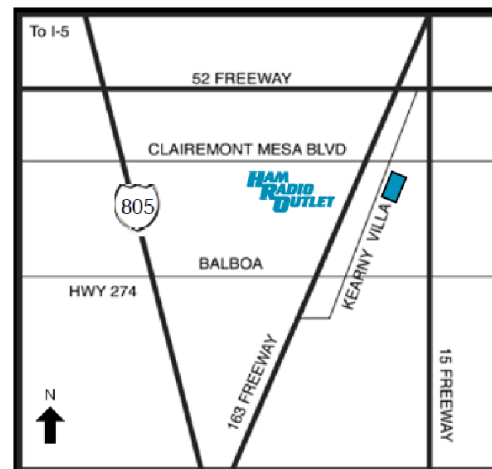
He went on to say "I thought about going to work for the CIA and do some spy work for them but they were only looking for voice ops to listen in on drug runner cell phone calls, which didn't interest me so I just stay here and work lots of DX on CW."

"Hey, why don't you buy me and we can do CW Multi-OP contests cause my owner gave up doing CW and now just does SSB and those dumb digital modes?" Hmmm, I thought, that *would* be something. So I said, "OK, when your owner comes back I'll see what I can do."



Just then the owner came driving up in a beat-up old pickup, so I asked him how much he wanted for the dog. "Ten dollars," the guy says. "Ten dollars!" I exclaimed, "That dog is amazing. Why on earth are you selling him for just \$10.00?" "Because he's dad-burned liar. I bet he told you about him working ships at KPH, having 5 Band DXCC and a bunch of other crazy stuff. He never did any of that."

Heck, he's just a no-code tech."



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